

The times they are a changing...

- Red tier timing
- Vaccine equity thresholds
- Reopening window

March 4, 2021

How soon could we get to red?

Tier Placement Criteria

Case Rate per 100,000	> 7.0	4.0 – 7.0	1.0 – 3.9	< 1.0
Positivity	> 8.0%	5.0 - 8.0%	2.0 – 4.9%	< 2.0%
Health Equity Quartile Positivity	> 8.0%	5.3 - 8.0%	2.2 – 5.2%	< 2.2%

Main Path

Two consecutive weeks with:

- Case rate at or below 7 /100,000
- Positivity at or below 8%
- Health Equity Quartile positivity at or below 8%

Red tier possible on March 16

OR

Health Equity Accelerated Progression (HQEP)

- Declining case rates and two consecutive weeks with:
- Positivity below 5%
- Health Equity Quartile positivity below 5.3%

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Effective March 4

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Two consecutive weeks with a case rate at or below 7 /100,000 puts us in the red tier...
...possibly as soon as March 16.

3/2	10.8/100,000	Purple
3/9 1 st Week	Need 7/100,000 or less	Purple
3/16 2 nd Week	Need 7/100,000 or less	Red

Statewide Vaccine Equity Metric

When ___ million doses have been administered to persons living in the Vaccine Equity Quartile (Q4 neighborhoods)...

Goal 1: 2 Million Statewide

Tiers will shift as follows:

- Purple (Widespread)
 - Moves from > 7 cases per 100,000
 - To > 10 cases per 100,000
- Red (Substantial):
 - Moves from 4 – 7 cases per 100,000
 - To 4 – 10 cases per 100,000
- Orange (Moderate) stays 1.0 – 3.9 per 100,000
- Yellow (Minimal) stays < 1.0 per 100,000

Goal 2: 4 Million Statewide

Tiers will shift as follows:

- Purple (Widespread) stays > 10 per 100,000
- Red (Substantial)
 - Moves from 4 – 10 per 100,000
 - To 6 – 10 per 100,000
- Orange (Moderate)
 - Moves from 1.0 – 3.9 per 100,000
 - To 2 - 5.9 per 100,000.
- Yellow (Minimal)
 - Moves from < 1 per 100,000
 - To < 2 per 100,000

New Tier Thresholds

After statewide vaccine equity metric goals are attained

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Impacts for schools

1. Tier-based criteria slide with tier thresholds as health equity goals are achieved.
2. Goal 1 is likely to be achieved in about two weeks.
 - Makes entry into the Red Tier on March 16 more likely.
3. Red Tier funding requirements in AB 86:
 - Must offer in-person instruction to students in:
 - All elementary school grade levels.
 - At least one additional full grade in secondary schools.

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Reopening window

- Update to the [consolidated school guidance](#) on Feb. 22
- Minimum 21-day window of eligibility to reopen, even if the county re-enters the purple tier.
- If the county enters the red tier:
 - Window stays open for 21 days.
 - From day 22 forward, reopening is contingent on the county's tier status.

CDPH requirements are fixed

- All non-pharmaceutical measures are still required
 - Physical distancing between student seating not less than 4 feet
 - Not less than 6 feet between adult seating
 - Not less than 6 feet from adult seating to student seating
 - Masks worn at all times inside and out
- The vaccination status of employees does not alter this
 - We don't know yet if vaccines prevent transmission
 - There are no vaccines approved for use in children under 16
 - Many community members will not be vaccinated for months